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A CHARMING WOMAN.

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A charming woman, I've heard it said

To find wherein the charms may be.

Where nature has given the bony stuff,

With the feminine gift of ready speech ;

Whenever the theme transcends her reach

Hats, basques, or bonnet-'twill make you stare

And a clever milliner all the rest.

Intelligent? Yes-in a certain way :

And knows very well what not to say

But turn the topic on things to wear,

To see how fluent the lady can be.

Her laugh is hardly a thing to please

And hers is purely a matter of art-

What nature designed to lie beneath

The finer mouth; but what can she do.

If that is rained, to show the teeth?

Arrayed, of course, in the latest style

La mode de Paris has got to show;

To her seat in church-a good half mile-

When the day is fine she is sure to go.

And she puts her hands on the velvet pew

Must harmonize with her milky skin!

In fields of flowers to choose the weeds?

Ah! what shall we say of one who walks

Reads authors of whom she never talks.

By other women as light as she;

To find wherein the dbarm may be.

But all in vain I puzzle my head

And talks of anthors she never reads?

She's a charming woman, I've heard it said

At last I had an habitation of my own

an imposing red-brick structure, roomy

enough to furpish homes for a full score

"You will lose yourself in this great

barn of a house, Madelon," said Aunt

Jerusha, who had accompanied me to

"Humph! I have no predilections for

mistletoe boughs and old oak chests. I

want no such skeletons rising up to mur-

"Trouble comes fast enough without

"At any rate, I've spoken my mind,

and not without reason. It is doubtful

if you have heard all that I have concern

rest quietly in her grave, but comes

"No; but all of them have heard her

"Humph. The ghost must be laid.

lon't like the idea of being disturbed at

"I will," was my answer, as I caught

dered paths, peeping into grape arbors.

and summer-houses, inhaling the bal-

samic odors in the air, and hugging to

myself the delicious sense of possession

ble grounds be a "joy forever."

voluntarily : "Lawrence Belgrave !"

cheerful good morning.

mayed."

property to me.

The figure lifted its hat and smiled

"I am no spirit, Miss Lane. Do, pray,

try to look a trifle less startled and dis-

My emotion was quite pardonable-

and for this reason; to this man I stood

in the light of a usurper-I had cheated

fact, a sort of protege of hers, whom she

prior to this time, there had been a vio-

lent quarrel between the old lady and

high dudgeon, and, to retalitate, Madame

Belgrave had made a will, leaving all her

back to her old room night after night,

and walks the floor until morning."

pacing up and down the apartment.

"Has anybody seen her?"

ed upon the ways and means.

ghost from my head.

of demure little mortals like myself.

world in general if I should."

ing your new possessions."

"What have you heard?"

vinced the house is haunted.

"Tell me what they say."

der my rest.

borrowing it.

quickly asked:

canny people.

(Can hands so white have a taint of sin?)

And thinks-how her prayer-book's tint of blue

A muscular motion made to show

From an opera cloak to a robe de nuit

For an honest laugh must always start

From a gleesome mood, like a sudden breeze,

And her form is quite as good as the best.

By other women as light as she;

But all in vain I puzzle my head

Her face, iudeed, is pretty enough.

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The quarrel was never made up.

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which found her incapable of expressing "Have the room thoroughly aired and | -as she declared she would do-a few any last wishes she might lave had, so made comfortable," I interrupted, in the minute after I first shricked for asthe will in my favor was the one product brusque, decided tone of one who does sistance, she would have beheld a tabed at the funerd, and I found myself not wish to enter into any argument. 'I lean that might have given quite a shock suddenly transformed from a country shall occupy the apartment to-night, so to her strict ideas of propriety. schoolma'am with one decent silk and the least said about the matter the bet-

the means to supply her wardrobe in-So you will comprehend that if I felt en o'clock. somewhat dismayed on seeing that vision Aunt Jerusha followed me to the doo

at the gate, I had abundant cause for it, and there said good- by, with a face However, I mustered up cougage, and went and shook hands with him quite though I were about to be hung. You did give me quite a start, Mr.

Belgrave, and I might as well plead guil ance. I hope you won't be a raving man iac in the morning. I've heard of such "I am sorry." Then he stood looking things." at me curiously a moment. 'I suppose that I ought to congratulate you, Miss

Lane, on your recent good fortune. Shali I ?" breath for other purposes."

supplanted you ?"

you, Miss Lane, but I don't-quite." "Thanks for the margin that saves me I had barely glanced round at my - Harper's Magazine for March. from utter condemnation.' "I can't belo thinking." he

reflectively, "that Madame Belgrave in the middle of the shield. A quick, half that only opportunity was lacking. Proud bat. and obstinate as she was. I'm sure she

-von expect me; to abdicate in your . The bat escaped unburt through the bearing quartz lodes, and the specimens Roundwood to be the ruling divinity of favor?" "It would not be much of a loss to the

heart to be so generous?" I shook my head.

seems delightful to be rid of the toil and chimneyr. anxiety attendant on carning one's own living; I dont think I could take up the "I knew you would like lotos-eat-

Aunt Jerusha looked so solemn that I how. I may thre of it-but that seems im-Roundwood has a ghost. You needn't toseible.

laugh-it may prove to be no laughing "Appropria of this tuberstance of mine matter. I got the story from the ser il tell von what I am willing to do, Mr. vants. Not a som of them but is con-Belgrave, I'll share it with you." picious his cars had played him false "It is really quite streasful Madelon. "Are von serious?" They declare that Madam Belgrave can't

"I never was more so,

"Not a bit of it."

said, with an amused smile: "And so you muffled step on the balcony without are anxious Roundwood should have a With a sudden thrill of horror I beheld a master as well as a mistress?"

turned, blushing and speaking angrily. "This inheritance more than meets my "Nor I," dryly, "But who will do luxurious notions-you have a store of claim upon it-I am quite willing to make over the half to you. Indeed an idea a sunbonnet from the wall, and darted of that sort has been in my head all out into the garden to escape Aunt along.

Jerusha's solemn visage while I ruminat-"This is Quixotic." "No, it is making two people happy and However, the prim, old fashioned garomfortable instead of one.'

den, with its quaint angular walks, and "But I refuse to be made happy funny little beds, from which the flowers comfortable at your expense. If Madame lifted bright and smiling faces, as if in Belgrave had wished me to share her welcome, soon drove all thoughts of the property, she would have left some document expressing the desire." I wandered up and down the box-bor-

"Perhaps there is a will that has ome to light," said I laughingly. He gave a quick start and changed "I can't help thinking so, but it is a de-

until I grew quite jubilant. Of all my lusive hope, I fear." pleasures, that of proprietorship was the "You are entirely too anxious to conkeenest just then. And why, indeed ign me to obscurity and school keeping

shouldn't a nice brick house, with availa-"No, you should never go back to that I had reached the lower portion of the drudgery, if-" grounds, and was looking around upon He stopped suddenly, hesitated a mo-

my domain with quite the air of une ment, and then held out his hand. grande princesse, when my gaze sudden-"Really, I feel like an intruder here ly encountered a free and easy figure Miss Lane. I'd better say good morning leaning over a wicket in the hedge-row. and leave you before I am betraved into Starting at the vision, I rubbed my eyes, any further folly." looked a second time, and exclaimed, in-

He turned abruptly away. "Did you know there was a ghost of Roundwood?" called after him.

"No," looking back. "They say Madame Belgrave-a sure dication that she is displeas something-probably the unjust disposition she made of ber wealth." An expression I utterly failed to comrehend floated . over his expressive

him out of his inheritance. He had been nearer related to Madame Belgrave-in

brought up with the understanding that he was to inherit her coupon bonds and I watched him until the windings of This time it was Lawrence who detainbank stock some day. But, twelve months the road hid his tall, stalwart figure en- ed me forcibly. tirely from view, and then returned to the Lawrence, he had left Roundwood in

She stared at me utterly aghast.

"You foolish child, you would never! I will not repeat my auswer! But madame died very suddenly in a fit, dare-Aunt Jerusha had burried to my rescue

two merinos, to a very rich woman with ter."

Occupy it I did-at least for a season -taking up the line of march about elev-

solemn and a tone as lugubrious as "Scream if you are frightened, Made lon, and we will all hasten to your assist-

"I'd rather be crazy than a fool," was my impatient rejoinder.

Madame Belgrave's room-as we called it—was a large chamber on the second "If you can do so sincerly-not other floor. The furniture was quaint and old fashioned, of some dark foreign wood, He laughed. "Then I'll keep my with immense carved feet that looked very odd and ridiculous to my new fash-"Shall you ever forgive me for having lioned eyes. The walls were of oak, thickly panelled, and over the carved "I don't know, my; 'great expectata- chimney piece was a raised figures-typ- ble parley. After reaching an apparent tions' have turned out nearly as delusive ical Heaven only knows of what-with as those of poor Pip. I ought to hate a diminutive shield extended in our

quarters when something flitted past my meant to restore me to favor finally, and frighteden glance at the object. It was a

Now I had always a great antipathy to these vampire like creatures; so catching And so on the strength of that opin- up the poker from the fender, I aimed a From the grass to the bed of the rock ion-which may or may not be correct deadly blow at the intruder.

open window, being too quick for me ; Mr. Witcher has brought back are pro-"I did not say so." Again his eyes but the poker descended with consideraswept my face curiously. "Is it in your ble force on the spot where he should have been. The same instant I heard a cher describes the parts of the bills they sharp, clicking noise, and the shield slid Remember, I've tasted the cup of pov- away, revealing to my asonished gaze a erty-and it is bitter to my palate. It small chamber constructed in the massive dance of elk, deer and other game. The

In this novel hiding place lay a pile of made through snow drifts over a track papers. Thembling a good deal. I caught less country in most stormy and severe up the topmost one and hastily examined weather. They discovered in coming it by the aid of the flickering candle, out of the hills what has been named Instantly I knew that my startled con- Witcher's Pass-a good natural wagon jecture was a shrewd one, and that I now road. This shortens the way out of th it has all the z al of a new sensation just held in my hand Madame Belgrave's true hills by 13 days. Their animals lived on and last will and testament, and Lawrence the grass they found beneath the snow. Belgrave, no; I, was the rightful owner of Mr. Witcher says he can take loaded ox

It was scarcely a pleasent discovery to 30 days. The members left in the hills make. Thoroughly bewildered of drop are in good health and spirits. Mr ped into one of the quaint easy chairs, Witcher returned for reinforcements. He opened wide his eyes, as if sus- trying hard to command my wandering He says there is no evidence of other senses sufficiently to realize it in all its parties being in the hills. Mr. Gordon, bearings. My candle sputtered and went who came with him part of the way, was out, presently, but I still sat there quite delayed by his horse giving out. Noth-"Ah, conscience has began to prick you oblivious to the fact, thinking only of my ing has been heard or seen of the two loneliness and the treadmill of poverty to disastrons army expeditions sent out to which I must return. At last I was There was a slight pause, and then he aroused by a rustling sound, and a dark figure rise up before the window, "You know I do not mean that," I re- and slide noiselessly over the sill. The next instant a dark lantern fleshed its light over the room. I started to my Rae, the Arctic explorer, declares that he feet with a shriek of uncontrollable terror; in an attempt to rush to the door, my limbs failed utterly, and I crouched

pale and panting against the wall. "Miss Lang! you here!" said a voice; party found ice projecting above the waand the man put down the lantern and came toward me. "I beg a thousand pardons for giving you such a start." It was Lawrence. I rose up again. thoroughly ashamed of myself for hav- that the salt is not itself congealed, but

ing manifested such extreme terror. "My emotion was excusable," said I minute cells is retained in solid ice with all the old sauciness, for I had these communicating with each other, grown bold as a lion again, now there when the ice is lifted above the general was no real horror to confront. "I did level the brine is drained off, leaving the not expect to see you at Roundwood to- mass fresh. night-hence my surprise."-

"The fact is," he replied, manifesting light. I hold to a different opinion, attained is half that which it is to be-

"I su ppose I must have been.

"Well it is laid forever. You have no is seldom over an inch. At the age of no further need to haunt this apart twenty-five the growth ceases, save in exment. Here is the missing document ceptional cases. for which you have been searching; to mor row I will abdicate as gracefully as possible, and Richard shall have his own

And while he stood staring at me, as "You have no occasion to be troubled on if quite dumbfounded, I pushed the will his in to his hand, and made a second effort to gain the door.

"Don't go, Madelon," he whispered

his arm gathering me close to his side "Aunt Jerusha," said I abruptly, "I am "Now I can speak my mind freely. I'll going to sleep in the haunted room to not be master here unless you consent to for house fronts, floors, or pavements, a mun he will not be content to sit back be mistress, for I love you too dearly.

Her Bity summers have seen no flaw And I, a youth of twenty-three So'l we this laly, fair to see, I want her for an met her-in has over the way, over the wal. 've seen her with the children play

've seen kind eyes not new to force

Over the way, over the way,

HE WANTS A MITHER-IN-LAW

I've seen her with a royal grace Before the mirror adjust her lace ; A kinder women none ever saw ed bless and cheer her gaward path. And bless all treasures that she hath...

And let her be my mother in-law I thi pk l'il vonture, dear, some da If you will lend a bolising hand, And sanctify the scheme I've planned). I'll kneel to loving, reverent awe. Down at the lady's feet, and say :

Common Errors in Titles. There are many persons who seem in A special dispatch to The Show City apable of learning that it is incorrect, in Journal from Yankton says Epb. Witchsaking of accart's, marquis', or duke's er, a well known citizen, who was a memlanguter to omit ber Christian name. ber of the expedition to the Black Hills. arrived in Yankton on Sanday. He reports having left his companions at the stockade of the expedition, within two miles of Harney's Peak on Box Elder Creek, on the 31 inst. Witcher says the expedition was composed of 27 men, and one woman and her son. There were six for purposes of identification it is neceswagons, and the party was well armedsome being mounted. They are also well supplied with provisions and mining tools. The expedition left here on the 6th of October. They struck Niobrara river about 120 miles above its mouth, and after following the stream some dis tance, they crossed the country to a point east of the Black Hills. On Cheyenne river they met a party of 200 mounted Indians, with whom they held a peacealy passable path at the foot of the hills, they struck into the mountains, and af ter picking their way reached a point within two miles of Harney's Peak in 15 days from the daye of their entry into the hills: They erected a stockade 80 feet long, and built log cabins from an abundant supply of timber which they found The cold weather greatly impeded their prospecting. They sank 25 prospect holes and struck gold in every instance they found numerous gold and silver nounced very rich. The party never saw an Indian while in the hills. Mr. Wit saw as having magnificent valleys, seemingly limitless forests of pine, and abangreater portion of the return trip was feams into the hills from Sioux City in

-The notion generally prevails that when salt water freezes the ice is fresh and, when melted will produce fresh water. Prof. Tyndall states that such is the case, in his "Forms of Water." But Dr. nusband. We do not think it necessary was "never able to find sea ice, in situ, o enter into intricate questions of exact either eatable when solid or drinkable rank an I precedence, of lords and ladies, when thawed, it being invariably too but have merely touched on a few points salt." He adds, however, that when his on which error is frequent. If some per sons, who are very fond of talking about ter, and from its appearance indicating the proceedings of lords and ladies, only that it was a year or more old, it was genknew how very clearly a mistake, such erally tresh, and made good drinking wa as talking of Lady Vere for Lady Clara ter. His theory explaining the fact is Vere, or of Lady Julia Thompson for Lady Thomson, testified to the better inthat a concentrated brine imprisoned t ucte I among therr hearers that their assumed acquaintance with the aristocracy was utterly imaginary, they would probably be more careful to know what

-The most rapid growth takes place imconsiderable confusion, "I have come mediately after birth, the growth of an here every night for two weeks back, infant during the first year of its existence hunting for Madame Belgrave's will being about eight inches. The ratio of ter. The warts which todes is noted for Lawyer Green has told me she has des- increase gradually decreases until the troved it afterward as it has not come to age of three years, at which time the size if I couldn't get wel I'de stay in the The will was in my favor as you must come when full grown. After five years readily guess, and I believe it is hidden the succeeding increase is very regular in some place which Madame was pre- till the sixteenth year, being at the rate vented from disclosing by the awful sud- for an average man of two inches a year. Beyond sixteen the growth is feeble, be-"Then you were the ghost?" I gasp- ing for the following two years about sixtenths of an inch a year, while from eighteen to twenty the increase in height

from Portlandville. Dakota. Some peo- like he said wat's became of that fli ? but ple who were drilling a well struck a cay- von knohe et it. ity about thirty feet down, from which hot steam burst, and has been escaping ever since. It warms the country round in England. The land is at Woodwich, and about so generally that the spow has was church property a thousand years agomelted away and the wild animals of the but the crown leased it for military purcountry congregate at the place at night for the comfort of it.

-By a new invention it is claimed that glass can be made into building material superior to marble in durability and of a grocery stove and crack his finger

T've loved your daughter many a day. Please, won't you be my mother-in-law?

They must know that she is habitually styled Lady Clara Vere, yet often they persist in calling her Laly Vere, as if she where a peeress or a baranet's wife, instead d a "lady in her own right." Another qually common blunder is to speak of a baronet's wife as Lady Emma Jones : if sary to mention her Christian name at all, it should be as E may Lady Jones, as nothing but being the daughter of a peer higher in tank than a viscount gives the right to be called Lady Emma Jones, etc. Again, it is impossible to persuale some people that it is the sens of dukes and marquises only who are called lords; they persist in imagining that, because earl's daughters are styled lady, it is impossible that their younger brothers should be only Hon, Mr. Veres. Novelists often fall into the most lu licrous blunders by writing of titles which they have not studied; they imagine very often that, because anearl's eldest son is often a viscount, a vis count's ablant was must non-warrie by baron, never having taken the pains to discover that it no case can be aspire to a higher title than honorable; and they distribute other titles in a similarly reckless tashion We have a vivid recollection of a novel, though we forget its name wherein an earl's daughter, Lady Caro line Somebody, married to a commoner, was represented as always using coronet ed writing paper, and wearing "her coronet" embroidered on her handkerchief. to which decoration of course she had no more right than to the Imperial diadem of All the Russias. It may be said that , it does not signify what people put into a novel, but it does signify, for such writing disseminates false impressions, and, so long as styles and titles exist, it is as well to bestow them properly. The title of downger is another great stumbling block In prosticty it should only be borne by the mother of the reigning peer or baronet. Should, therefore, a peer (let us call him Earl of Brighton) succeed his father. his pother, the wi lowed counters should be styled the Countess Dowager of Brighton. Should | e. bowever, succeed to his uncle, brother, or cousin, that relative's widow would have no claim to the title of dowager, but should she no dressed as Mary, Counters of Brighton It is a very common saying that a woman nay rise in rank, but can never lose what she has once possessed; but, like many common sayings, this, though the general rule, is not strictly accurate. Aduke's daughter takes precedence far before the wife of a baron. Yet if she marry a baron who is a peer in his own right (not merely a title of courtesy, such as are borne by peers' eldest sons,) she at once, becoming his wife, loses her own rank and has no precedence, save that of her

they were talking about. JOHNNY'S ESSAY ON "THE TOPE"-Todes is like frogs, but more-dignity and can't be cured, for they is cronick; but house. My grandiather knew a tode which some body had tamed till it was folks. Wen its master wissled it would come for flies. They cetches 'em with their tung, wich is some like a long red worm but more like litenin, only litenin haint got no gum onto it. fli wil be a standin a rubbin its bind legs to gether and athinkin wat a tine fit it is and the tode a sittin some distance away like it was sleep. Wile you are seein the fli as plan as you ever see any thing, all to once it sin't there. Then the tode he The last natural euriosity story comes looks up at you sollem, out of his eyes,

poses. It now reverts to the heirs of the

